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MICHIGAN'S 'SECOND LINE' OF DEFENSE: Defensive backs of Michigan's football team put their heads together to plan ways and means of stopping Southern California's offense in the Rose Bowl game Thursday. Left to right: Tom Darden,

roving back; Brian Healy, defensive back; Tom Curtis safety; Barry Pierson, defensive back; Bruce Elliott, defensive back. (AP Wirephoto)

## HUNDREDS FLEE FLOOD'S WRATH IN MOUNTAINS

### Hint Hoffa Would Sing For Liberty

#### Union Boss Sends Plea To Nixon

ST. LOUIS (AP) — James R. Hoffa's lawyer said today he has petitioned the Justice Department for presidential commutation of the eight-year sentence the Teamsters Union leader is serving at Lewisburg, Pa.

The attorney, Morris Shenker, said he knew nothing of reports that Hoffa associates had told the White House he would bare union pension fund operations and labor-related activities in organized crime if given his freedom.

Shenker said he filed the petition for a presidential commutation within the last three or four weeks but that as far as he knew the Nixon administration had taken no action on it.

#### CONTACTS MADE

The Des Moines Register said in a copyright story Tuesday White House contacts had been made on Hoffa's behalf, promising he would talk if released from the Pennsylvania federal prison.

In a Washington report, NBC correspondent Carl Stern said Teamsters union members made a similar proposal Monday to presidential aide Clark Mollenhoff, saying Hoffa would "purge the union of hoodlums."

Shenker said he knew nothing of any such meeting, but declared that Hoffa had always been willing to testify. "No one has asked him to testify, and he has never refused to testify," the lawyer said.

Mollenhoff and Teamsters



JAMES R. HOFFA

officials were not immediately available for comment.

Hoffa's eight-year sentence at Lewisburg was for jury tampering. His application for parole was rejected in October.

He is also under five-year sentence in a Teamsters Union pension fraud case. That conviction has been appealed to the Supreme Court, which has yet to act.

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### Torrents Of Rain Melt Snow

#### Kentucky, Virginia Are Hardest Hit

By ASSOCIATED PRESS  
Torrents of rain dissolving tons of snow have sent normally placid streams and rivers surging from their banks forcing hundreds of mountain residents to flee their homes in Virginia, West Virginia, Tennessee and Kentucky.

Tennessee authorities reported three dead as a result of flooding Tuesday.

The rains, pounding some areas for three days, pushed crooks out of their banks and into the streets of a number of small towns in Virginia and water was creeping into several others in West Virginia.

#### 200 EVACUATED

Hardest hit by the flooding appeared to be Lee and Wise counties in Virginia and areas along the Cumberland River in Kentucky, where 200 persons were evacuated from their homes by National Guardsmen.

Virginia State Police said Lee County was nearly isolated with all transportation arteries severed by flooding and landslides. In Pennington Gap, rescuers braved driving rain and darkness during the night to steer refugees from flooded areas.

A number of persons were rescued from atop their cars, stranded in the middle of flooded highways.

In Roanoke, Va., a family of five, including three small children, crawled along a fire truck ladder to escape from their car, stranded on a bridge over the Roanoke River. Police said the car was washed away shortly after the last person was rescued.

Small mountain hamlets in all four states were evacuated. Shortly after residents left the Virginia hamlet of Fort Blackmore water swirled through the downtown section five feet deep.

Hundreds of West Virginians fled their homes early today and late Tuesday as cascading rivers in the north and south fed by melting snow and a two-day downpour — flooded dozens of lowland communities.

#### AT WINDOW LEVEL

Scores of upriver homes were reported flooded to window level by late Tuesday and many large communities downstream in the path of rising waters were put on evacuation alert for this afternoon.

These included the cities of Clarksburg with a population of some 28,000; Weston, with about 8,500 residents; and Philippi, with about 2,200 residents.

National Guardsmen, Civil Defense officials and others were sent scurrying to build dikes and sandbag barricades to help fend off the oncoming high water.

Some 25 to 30 homes were nearly covered by water at Oceania Tuesday night where some 300 to 400 persons spent

(See back page, sec. 1, col. 5)

Come spend your New Year's with us. Open bowling all evening Blossomlanes. Adv.

## Fun To Shop At Frank's Those Are Good (Hic) Clothes!

By BILL SIMMONS  
Associated Press Writer  
HOT SPRINGS, Ark. (AP) — Public sale of cocktails in Arkansas became legal this year, but now the question is: Can Frank Patterson legally give them away in his clothing store?

Joe Gaspard, director of

the state Alcoholic Beverage Control Department, says Patterson can't.

As his authority, Gaspard cites a 1935 law which forbids drinking in public places. He says Patterson's customers are violating this statute and that the store owner might be charged as an accessory.

Patterson says his Park Avenue Men's Wear store isn't a public place—"I'm the sole owner, it's my place."

On the other hand, Patterson argues: "If a clothing store is a public place and therefore drinking is illegal, then a public bar certainly is a public place. Goodbye bars."

And moreover, Patterson says, on New Year's Eve "there will be 135 people at my house drinking all night and it will be as public as my store."

Patterson, 28, initiated his free-drink gimmick several months ago. He says business at the clothing store has quadrupled.

He has plans to open another store soon near Dallas, Tex., also with free drinks.

Patterson has a limit of two drinks per customer. He mixes the cocktails in a

store bathroom.

The young haberdasher suggests that he is being pressured to go dry by bar owners who have to pay \$1,000 for a license to sell mixed drinks.

Gaspard says the whole thing is kind of complicated.

### Texas Says It Has Too Many Hogs

#### But Indiana Puts One Up Anyway

DALLAS, Tex. (AP) — While most of the Notre Dame entourage is flying here for Thursday's Cotton Bowl football game, Arnold the hog is making the trip from Indiana by truck.

Indiana Gov. Edgar Whitcomb arrived by plane Tuesday and said Arnold should complete the journey today.

"I suggested to your Gov. Preston Smith that we make a wager on the Texas-Notre Dame game," said the visiting governor. "I bet a Hoosier hog against a Texas steer."

Smith had turned down the bet by telegram, explaining to Whitcomb that "we brought so many hogs back from Arkansas earlier this month" when Texas defeated the Arkansas Razorbacks 15-14.

The Texas governor countered with an offer to wager an expensive Texas 10-gallon hat against finish line seats at the Indianapolis 500 auto race for Texas coach Darrell Royal and his staff.

Whitcomb stuck to his original proposal, observing that Arnold already had been donated and crated for shipment.

While in Dallas, Arnold will be quartered in the plush downtown Fairmont Hotel, where the two governors also are staying.

Want to Buy good used spinet piano. Call WA 5-9117 after 5 p.m. Adv.

Annual New Year's Eve Party, Lakes Bowl, Sister Lakes. Call 944-1208 for reservations. Adv.

"It's a question for the courts, I'll admit," he concedes.

He says he isn't in any hurry to lower the boom on the cocktail clothier.

"In the normal course of policing Hot Springs an agent will get around to his place and notify him to cease," Gaspard says. "Then we'll have to wait and see what happens."

### Party Gets Early Start

It was no burglar that tripped the alarm at the Point O'Woods country club early yesterday morning, Benton township Police Sgt. Robert Stevens reported. It was a New Year's Eve balloon falling from the ceiling.

## Hey, Little Bill Does Live Here!

LANSING (AP)—The average Michigan homeowner's \$7.59 monthly electricity bill is lower than any in the country except in the states of Washington and Oregon, according to the Michigan Public Service Commission.

The commission, which recently authorized a \$16.5 million rate increase for Detroit Edison and Consumers' Power Co., said the national average is \$10.37 for 500 kilowatt-hours a month.

Atty. Gen. Frank Kelley has filed four separate suits in Ingham County Circuit Court charging Consumers Power received

an increase that was "unreasonable, erroneous, arbitrary, capricious and an abuse of discretion."

The rate increases averaged six per cent.

The commission says lower rates in Washington and Oregon reflect the fact that public electricity utilities there do not pay most state taxes.

It gave these figures for the cost of a month's residential electricity use elsewhere in the country: New York \$15.76; Boston \$12.81; Chicago \$12.80; Florida \$13.74.

#### Notice

This newspaper will not publish tomorrow, New Year's Day.

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If you like today's year-end edition, packed with stories and pictures of what happened in Southwestern Michigan during 1969, you may want to share the news with someone else.

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# THE HERALD-PRESS

## Editorial Page

W. J. Banyon, Editor and Publisher  
Bert Lindensfeld, Managing Editor

### Leaving The Sixties

Ten years ago today every forecaster we can recall was in complete agreement. The incoming decade, no doubt of it, would go down in history as the Soaring Sixties.

Economically, the Sixties did not move off the launch pad until the New Frontier took office in early 1961 and gave the country an inflationary injection of lower income taxes, more federal borrowings and greater Washington spending.

Socially and politically, the flight path for Uncle Sam has been a dip and dive pattern, so erratic that possibly history's verdict alone can tell if the country is leaving this decade in better or worse condition than which it entered upon it.

Since no human owns a Time Machine which can take him into the future so he can analyze the immediate past and the present by looking backward upon that unfolding before him, the next best method is to approximate the gains and losses.

The Sixties can count three major advances.

One is the very apparent breakthroughs on the scientific

and technological front. Though each decade in American history displays an improvement in that respect over its predecessor, it is fair to say this knowledge increase accelerated greatly over the '50s' pace and lays the foundation for the '70s to exhibit even greater improvement.

The other two are more nebulous; perhaps, one should describe them in a hopeful rather than a categorical sense.

There is some room for a cautious optimism on the international situation. This is stated in the context of it appearing the Communist bloc is accepting with what grace is possible the idea of the Free World not being a pushover for the massive aggression carried off so ably in the post World War II era.

This is a long, country mile from either of two preferences, Communism's downfall or a solidly based world peace. Yet, if nothing else, the Kremlin now concedes the capabilities directed from Washington and seems to be on the course of not being anxious to have a sparring match develop into a title bout.

The second of those intangible gains is a growing awareness throughout the American public that inflation is something more than a term from an economic textbook. Not everyone has cast aside the fraudulent theorem that a little inflation, like a little sin, never hurt anybody. Yet the idea is beginning to be repeated that most people, economically speaking, are spinning their wheels; that the time has arrived to have a shred of savings at the year-end rather than a 10 per cent carrying charge hanging down on one's neck for that already spent.

The widely repeated phrase, tax revolt, evidences this feeling and if the anti-inflationary words find implementation from the town hall on up to Washington, the inflation devil will be whipped around the stump.

The primary setbacks in the Sixties are Viet Nam and the polarization in American thinking.

Though the casualty lists and the procurement costs for this as yet indecisive engagement come first to mind, Viet Nam is an error in judgment which if repeated in the future could well mean the end of our country.

While President Johnson caught the blame for this misadventure all by himself, it can not be forgotten he acted on the counsel of diplomatic and military advisors presumably unquestioned experts in their fields.

How poorly these men misread the smoke signals is only beginning to become known. If these gentry had been in private industry and acted comparably, either the business would have gone into bankruptcy or they would be fired.

Since the milk has been spilled, the best outlook is that the present Administration somehow can mop the floor halfway passably and the chance for subsequent bad guessing can be sealed off.

Polarized thinking is neither unique to the U.S. nor to this generation of Americans.

The Civil War settled by force of arms a disagreement which 110 years ago had passed the ability of cooler heads to resolve by negotiation and compromise and it required World War II to breach a schism caused by the New Deal's economic policies.

Although today's polarity differs in type and intensity from the Civil War prototype, the disturbing fact is that in the '60s people began choosing up sides before they really knew what the argument was.

It makes little difference if the question is civil rights, the generation gap, environmental pollution, to mention some of the most perplexing issues, there is an instant answer to all of them. The activists are prepared to kick over the traces simply for the sake of so doing. The opposition is determined to hold the line in any event.

This trait is normal to human nature but one which could well be excised for the benefit of oncoming generations.

Nixon had this in mind in his remarks about words drowning out voices.

Listening to the other fellow is a virtue which could be the best New Year's resolution to adopt.

If we do it, then we can build the Rambling Seventies on the mistakes of the questionable soaring in the '60s.

### You've Come A Long Way

Six representatives of Homo Sapiens Americanus orbited the moon several times this year. Four of them landed, as a matter of fact, and learned that rock dust, not green cheese, covers the lunar orb.

All of this was pretty impressive. But, come to think of it, the rest of us did some fancy space traveling, too. We orbited the sun on an extended 12-months voyage. And the sun's a lot farther away than the moon — 92.9 million miles versus a measly 238,857 miles.

So we didn't make headlines! The Joneses kept up with the Smiths, the Smiths with the Joneses. And not a one of us had to put the trip on a credit card, either.

Anyway, after traveling that far it's only fitting to ease back on the throttle and take a look at where we've been. And that's what today's special section is all about — where we've been during 1969.

You'll find 64 pages of people and places that made news in Southwestern Michigan. The "New Year's Edition" is an annual tradition with this newspaper. This year's version is different.

There are more and bigger pictures. The stories are shorter — in many cases only a fraction of the length they've been in past editions. And the type used in the text of stories is bigger — "ten point" instead of the "eight point" used in regular editions.

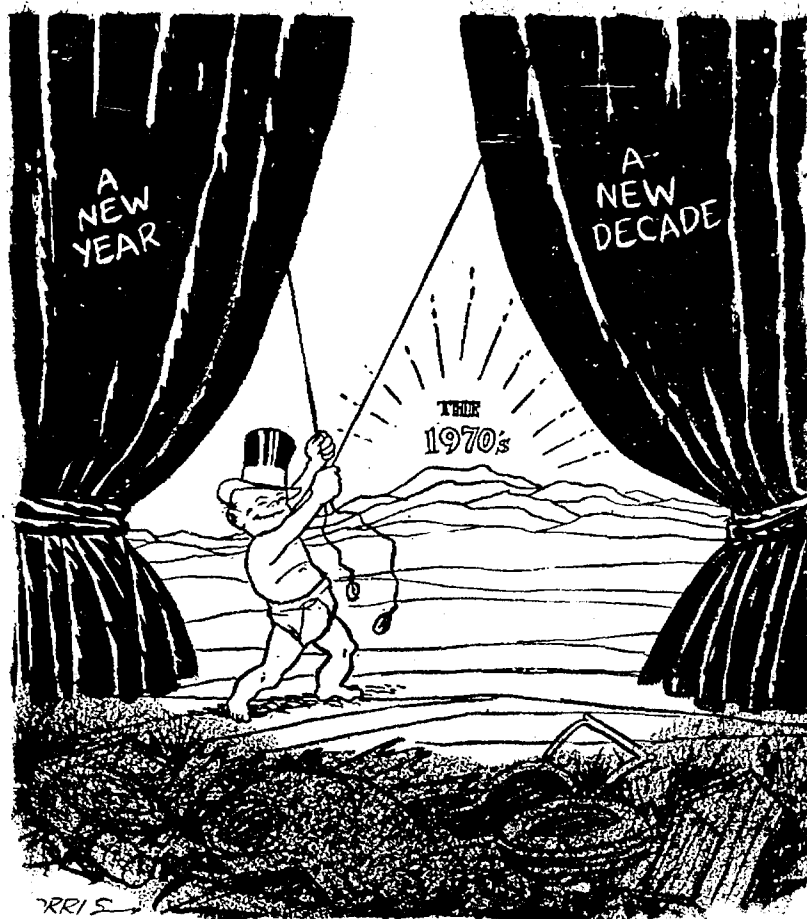
All this has been done to make the edition more attractive and easier to read. Some folks might have enough rocking-chair time to read 64 pages of smaller print. But most of you space travelers are in a hurry. So today's "1969 in Review" is your handy pocket guide to what's been happening.

Incidentally, there isn't a nude chick or sensational crime story anywhere in the special issue. The editorial staff always likes to accentuate the light, bright and positive — and particularly at this season when a little inspiration just may produce who knows how much accomplishment in the year ahead.

All of us here hope you out there enjoy reading about how you and your neighbors did your things this past 12 months.

And a happy and prosperous 1970 to one and all!

### Let's See What We Can Do With This One!



### GLANCING BACKWARDS

#### NEW ERA BEGINS

Call it the changing of the guard, or call it the end of an era. The all-but-final departure of Gov. George Romney after six years in the statehouse ranks among the top Lansing news stories of 1968.

Romney, virtually certain to resign late next Monday and turn over the government to Lt. Gov. William Milliken was, of course, named secretary of housing and urban development in the administration of President-elect Nixon.

#### BEARS DEDICATE NEW GYM

St. Joseph basketball has come a long way since the Maize and Blue played in a roller skating rink at Silver Beach and another milestone was recorded Wednesday on the Dickinson stadium campus.

The Bears dedicated a new gymnasium with a stunning 71-51 conquest of arch rival Niles. A crowd estimated at 2,500, largest crowd ever to watch a basketball game in St. Joseph, attended the ceremonies and rather surprising outcome.

#### TROOST SPEAKS FOR DEALERS

Loren D. Troost, head of the Troost Bros. Furniture company of this city, and president of the National Retail Furniture association, is to broadcast from WLS, Chicago.

Mr. Troost will speak on the program "Buyer Home and Mine," in behalf of furniture merchants of the United States.

#### ROUSING WELCOME

The new year has such a rousing welcome in this city as has ever been heard since the golden days of 1929. Merry-makers had their choice of a variety of major New Year's eve celebrations.

#### PROSPERITY DISTRIBUTED

Nearly \$400,000 in property was distributed during 1914 to heirs by the probate court of Berrien county, presided over by Judge R.E. Barr.

#### IMPROVES STORE

W. L. Holland has some extensive and elaborate improvements under way at his drug store. The large plate glass windows are to be lowered and panels of cathedral placed above, giving a very pretty effect.

#### ON SALE

Reserved seats have gone on sale for the Pavley-Oukrainsky ballet, third in the concert series presented this season by the Twin City Civic Music association.

### RUTH RAMSEY

## Today's Grab Bag

**THE ANSWER QUICK!**

- 1 — Who was the husband of Andromache?
- 2 — Who wrote "Leaves of Grass"?
- 3 — What is the longest river in South America?
- 4 — Who was the author of the Koran?
- 5 — What American colony was founded by James Edward Oglethorpe?

**YOUR FUTURE**

A level head, restraint and circumspection will be needed. Today's child will be nervy and over-critical.

**WATCH YOUR LANGUAGE**

SLEAZY — (SLEE-zee) — adjective; thin or poor in texture; flimsy.

### EDITOR'S MAILBAG

Editor,  
The Herald-Press.

#### PHACTS OF NATURE

Once a phantastically drinking physicist  
And a phantastically imbibing phorist  
Phound their phoolish heads buphuddled  
O'er phast phooling cups of phine wine.

So the phorist played the physicist  
Who, in turn, phumed at the phorist;  
Neither phollowed the phoeble reasoning  
Of the other's too phimsy line.

Later the physicist began studying phloristry,  
The phorist started learning physistrisry,  
Each knowing more of artistry  
And by some phantastic design.

The physicist phlowered in phloristry,  
And the phorist phound phood in physistrisry,  
And together again quite phaternally  
They are phizzing arm in arm pheeeling phine.

COE HATCH  
Lake View Terrace  
St. Joseph

one master for another.

Another point is that when the Geneva Accords were drawn up to settle the dispute in 1954 the U.S. refused to sign. Since that time the U.S. has repeatedly broken those agreements (before the North Vietnamese did). You stated that a consequence of our pulling out of Vietnam would be a loss of South Vietnam as a nation. There was never supposed to have been a SOUTH Vietnam. It was set up and perpetuated by us so that under a cloak of 'legality' we could be asked to come over and help.

It's so easy to say we have to fight the communists, but why don't you read and write both sides?

DONALD L. DIRKSE  
Stevensville

Editor,  
Herald-Press:

#### URGES PERSPECTIVE ON VIETNAM ISSUE

Allow me to comment on your editorial of Dec. 26. Please do not put words into the mouth of moratorium participants. We may be somewhat idealistic, but we are not so naive as to think that world peace will come if the U.S. pulls out of Vietnam.

Secondly, I wish that in your comments on Vietnam you would put some proper perspective on your involvement there. Decades ago the U.S. refused to give aid to Ho Chi Minh's nationalistic attempt to overthrow the French colonialists. So he turned to communist support. But the Vietnamese are surely not going to trade

### DR. COLEMAN

## .. And Speaking Of Your Health

Our 17-year-old son dropped a bombshell at our dinner table when he said, "See, even Margaret Mead says it's safe and all right if kids our age smoke marijuana. Now will you admit I was right?"

We recall that you did not feel the same way about this when you wrote a column on drugs some time ago.

How do we handle this problem?

Mr. and Mrs. J.H.R. California

Dear Mr. and Mrs. R.: Let me first pay my deep respect to Dr. Margaret Mead who undoubtedly is one of the foremost anthropologists in the world. My admiration for her contributions in many phases of science is limitless.

Yet I must confess that I thoroughly disagree with her announcement on marijuana and its comparative safety.

I have read and re-read her statement and actually think that her opinion has not been clearly understood by many youngsters and adults who want to continue using this drug as an escape from reality.

There seems to be sufficient evidence that marijuana is not an addictive drug, from the purely technical scientific point of view. For the record, I will allow that this is true. But I will not allow anyone to dispute the fact that this is a drug on which dependence can grow.

What, then, is the danger in the use of marijuana by teenagers and young adults who are using it as an escape from responsibility in the home, at school and at work?

The great danger is that marijuana and hashish are too frequently stepping stones to the hard drugs. I have known hundreds of young morphine addicts. No greater unhappiness is brought to physicians and sociologists than the catastrophe of drug addiction.

Let it be imprinted in the minds of children, adolescents, and adults that every case of heroin addiction that has crossed my path has started with smoking marijuana.

I have heard every "cop out" including the one that says "If my parents smoke cigarettes and drink alcohol, I can smoke marijuana." This is false, specious reasoning and a trap that youngsters set for themselves and their parents. It is unfortunate that they can add to their reasoning the apparent stamp of approval by a world-famous authority.

There is no universal way to handle this problem. I wish I knew all the answers but I don't. I do know this, however. Children of all ages derive their greatest sense of security from reasonable limits that are imposed on them by loving parents.

Children can be directed and shown that there are many rewards that accrue from facing reality rather than from escaping it in a temporary dream world of drugs.

**SPEAKING OF YOUR HEALTH:** Generation gaps are diminished by frank, open, sincere discussion.

Dr. Coleman welcomes letters from readers, and, while he cannot undertake to answer each one, he will use questions in his column whenever possible and when they are of general interest. Address your letters to Dr. Coleman in care of this newspaper.

### JAY BECKER

## Contract Bridge

East dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH		EAST	
♠ J5	♥ K10763	♠ 94	♥ A4
♦ KJ83	♣ A9562	♦ 10962	♣ 7
♣ A9562	♦ K4	♠ J86532	♥ A97
		♠ A82	♥ 75
		♦ KQJ1053	♣ 10

The bidding:  
East South West North  
1♣ 2♦ Pass 4♦

Opening lead — nine of spades.

A fine declarer plays most hands as though he knows every card in each defender's hand. The knack of playing as though the cards were exposed is usually based on the many reasonable inferences that can be drawn from either the bidding or the early plays by the defense.

For example, take this hand where declarer should make five diamonds, even though he seems destined to lose a club and two hearts. South can salvage one of his losers if he

plays correctly.

West leads the nine of spades in response to East's spade bid. Since the nine is obviously South's highest spade, declarer knows that East has the K-10 and he puts this knowledge to use by covering the nine with the jack. Failure to do this would cost declarer the contract.

South wins East's king with the ace, crosses to dummy with a trump, leads a spade, and finesse the eight. He then cashes the queen of spades, discarding a club from dummy, and ruffs his last spade in dummy.

Declarer now plays the king of clubs, saddling East with the lead. East is in bad shape at this point. He has no safe return to make after taking the ace of clubs.

He can return a heart to put a quick end to the hostilities, or he can alternatively lead a black suit and so permit South to discard a heart as he ruffs the return in dummy. Either way, East's goose is cooked.

South's proper course of play is marked from the start — even though he does not see the adverse hands. The opening bid tells him that East has the ace of clubs, and West's nine of spades lead tells him that East has the K-10. All that South has to do is put this information to good use.

### BENNET CERF

## Try And Stop Me

A confirmed stutterer spotted a parrot in a pet shop, but noticed that it didn't utter a sound. He summoned the proprietor and inquired, "C-c-can this b-b-bird t-t-talk?" "Mister," the proprietor assured him earnestly, "If that parrot couldn't talk better than you do, I'd cut his darn head off."

A distinguished, elderly senator, visiting a hospital in Vietnam, was escorted by a new Navy nurse, eager, beautiful, and proud of her just-acquired ensign's bars. As the two of them passed through a ward-room full of tough, wounded Marines, a chorus of joyous wolf calls resounded through the corridor. "Goodness," exclaimed the flustered nurse. "Do you suppose those boys are whistling at ME?" The senator chuckled and answered, "I hope so, Missy. I certainly hope so!"

**OVERHEARD:**

Ambitious young employee to bank president: "I would like to marry your daughter — provided, of course, you've got one."

Weather forecaster to his wife: "There's an eighty-five-percent chance that I won't get home in time for dinner tonight, my chickadees."

Wife to canasta companion: "I've got the most marvelous new recipe for meat loaf All I have to do is mention it to my husband and he says, 'Let's eat out.'"



#### WILLIAM RITT

## You're Telling Me!

The rough, tough old year of Nineteen-Sixty-Nine becomes history come midnight tonight. Here's hoping that for everybody — especially those who read this column — seven-O proves a much luckier number!

Large bee hives often contain 100,000 or more workers — nature item. No unemployment problem there!

The U.S. produces three million pounds of pins annually, we read. That's an interesting statistic!

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## YOUNG, OLD, IN-BETWEEN AIDED BY PROGRAM



**YOU'RE NEVER TOO OLD!** A mother and grandfather, who participated in "Operation Native Son" and are presently enrolled in college, discuss local career opportunities with Edward Tiscornia,

labor relations representative of Auto Specialties Manufacturing company. Left to right: Mrs. Donald Mummaw, Tiscornia and Gordon McFaul.

### 'Native Son' Draws 170 Students

#### Career Recruitment Day Sponsored By Local Chamber

A mother and a grandfather participated Tuesday in "Operation Native Son," in addition to some 170 young college juniors and seniors.

The event, a career recruitment day, sponsored by the Twin Cities Area Chamber of Commerce and participating companies, was held at Hilton Inn. It is intended to induce college students to find careers in the local area.

The mother, Mrs. Donald Mummaw of 109 Pearl street, Benton Harbor, is a senior at Western Michigan university. She will graduate April 19 with a bachelor of arts degree in education.

The grandfather, Gordon McFaul of 3033 Lincoln avenue, St. Joseph, is working on a master of science degree in electrical engineering at Western, after getting a bachelor of science degree last August.

Both are natives of Benton Harbor and graduates of Benton Harbor high school. Mrs. Mummaw graduated in 1944 and McFaul in 1935. Mrs. Mummaw and her husband, of the Mummaw Brothers Construction company, are the parents of two children; Barbara, 18, and Timothy, 15, a tenth grader also at Benton Harbor High School.

Mrs. Mummaw enrolled in 1966 at Lake Michigan College. After attending one semester she obtained two scholarships: one from Clark equipment and a Michigan Higher Education grant. After she entered Western Michigan university in 1968 she was awarded a board of trustees scholarship.

She commuted to Western and is proud of her attendance record of never missing a day of school.

Mrs. Mummaw said she felt the most important factor in returning to school is motivation. She said, "All it takes is a lot of determination and half the battle is wanting to do it. I've always wanted to go to college, she added.

Mrs. Mummaw will begin student teaching after the first of the year as a second grade teacher at the Washington school, St. Joseph.

McFaul said he decided in 1968 to go back to college and get his degree. He attended Western Michigan college for a year and a half after graduation from high school. He said it was during the depression and he knew he wouldn't be able to finish so he took technical courses.

During World War II, he taught an aircraft mechanics class at Western to both college students and workers in industry. In 1945, he joined the navy, working as an electronics technician. After returning to civilian life he worked in the service department of Grinnell Brothers and then spent 21 years at Laboratory Equipment company, St. Joseph.

McFaul has not decided what type of career he wants to pursue after obtaining his masters degree. He and his wife, Helen, have two married daughters, Mrs. Theresa Rompf of Lansing and Mrs. Virginia Neal of Karlsruhe, Germany, whose husband is stationed there.

Mrs. Mummaw said she feels she has made some life long friendships among her classmates. McFaul said, "Most of the students on the campus are there for an education, a few are there for a good time and a few are there to keep everybody from doing what they want to do!"

Jasper F. Burt, a Whirlpool vice president and Chamber vice president, who told the students of present and future career opportunities here, other than the ones in industry.

He said: "Industry primarily provides the economic means for any community to grow, but if industry does not have the supporting services it will soon die." He pointed out the need for services not only to support today's population, but the 10 per cent projected increase in population for the area. He concluded by inviting the college students to locate here saying, "The opportunity is in your hands."

Walter Laetz, Chamber president and vice president and secretary of Auto Specialties Manufacturing company, was another luncheon speaker. He said the chamber is an example of business and professional people joining together to achieve goals, that they could not do alone.



**NEW YEAR'S BIRTHDAY:** Mrs. Betty Bachteal, a resident of Harbor Towers Benton Harbor will celebrate her 70th birthday on New Year's Day. Mrs. Bachteal was born on Jan. 1, 1900, in Tipton county, Tenn., an area where she lived until moving to Benton Harbor in 1949. The mother of six children, she is shown here looking over pictures of a few of her 12 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren, many of whom live in the twin cities area. (Staff photo)

## State Trooper Gets New Post

### BH Police-School Liaison Officer Transferred

Michigan State Police Trooper John P. Sura, who served as police-school liaison officer in the Benton Harbor school district since July, 1968, will be reassigned to similar duties in the Rockford school district.

Sura, attached to the Paw Paw post during his time with Benton Harbor schools, will be succeeded in the police-school liaison officer post by Trooper Westley W. Haney.

Announcement of the transfers, effective next week, was made by Col. Frederick E. Davis, state police department director.

Davis also announced the retirement Friday of Lt. Richard Graham, 50, who served as commander of the New Buffalo post from 1960 until October, 1965. Graham, completing more than 28 years with the department, has recently served as assistant district commander at Detroit. Upon leaving New Buffalo, Graham was promoted from sergeant to staff sergeant. He was advanced to lieutenant in 1967.

Haney, 27, was born in Grand Rapids. He joined the state police in 1965 when assigned to the Clinton post. Haney was transferred to Detroit in 1968 and underwent training in juvenile liaison activity. He is married and the father of two children.

Sura, 29, and a native of Detroit, joined the state police in 1963, and was "the second police-school liaison officer in the Benton Harbor school system. The first was Kenneth R. Taylor, who in 1968 was promoted from trooper to detective and assigned to the community relations and juveniles section of the fifth district headquarters at Paw Paw.

Sura previously has been assigned to posts at Jackson and Mt. Pleasant. He is married and has two sons and two daughters.

Sura will be the first school-police liaison officer at Rockford schools. A similar post will be started at Bay City will be filled by Trooper Lawrence L. Brenner, currently at Bridgeport schools, said Col. Davis.

A hospital official said Rudowski had been removed from the intensive care unit and is in pediatric.

Funeral services were held yesterday for another youth, Larry J. Payovich, 17, 154 Brownway, Fairplain, who died of injuries received in the accident. Payovich was a passenger in a jeep struck by a car driven by Rudowski.

The jeep was westbound on Empire avenue while Rudowski's car was southbound on M-139. A second car driven by George C. Shaler, 60, of 307 Liberty street, Buchanan, was also southbound and hit both vehicles, Benton township police said.

Driver of the jeep, Laurence Stock III, 16, of 200 Jakway avenue, Fairplain, was petitioned to Berrien juvenile court and is to appear in court Friday, according to Benton Youth Officer Charles Brooks.



JOHN P. SURA  
Transferred



WESTLEY W. HANEY  
New Liaison Officer

## Mayer Asks Reversal Of One Ruling

### Says City Must Publish Minutes

New Buffalo Mayor Albert C. Mayer has appealed one section of a November Berrien circuit court decision that let him keep his mayor's job to the Michigan court of appeals.

The purpose of the "claim of cross-appeal and notice" to the appeals court is only to reverse a ruling by Judge Karl F. Zick that the minutes of municipal government meetings need not be published, according to the mayor's counsel, New Buffalo Atty. Stephen Roumell.

Ruling on a suit by three New Buffalo men aimed at ousting Mayer allegedly because he owed the city money, Judge Zick held last month that the mayor was not legally in default and therefore continued his eligibility to keep the mayor's job.

The three who tried to oust the mayor — Joseph F. Debiak, Edgar J. Baney and Burt Hatfield — already have appealed the judge's decision to the court of appeals.

Mayer does not agree with Judge Zick in his holding that proceedings of the common council, or the enactment of ordinances of the common council, can become effective and binding without being published, Atty. Roumell said.

"The New Buffalo charter requires... that they must be published within 15 days," he added.

"We're in complete accord as far as the judge's overall judgment..."

The plaintiffs claimed in a suit filed in Berrien circuit court earlier this year that the mayor was ineligible for public office under state law and city charter allegedly because he owed some \$500 to the city as a surcharge for water piped outside the city to Mayer property.

The judge, following trial in November, ruled the mayor was not legally in default.

Two of the plaintiffs were unsuccessful contenders last March for New Buffalo city council seats and the other plaintiff is a councilman.

**ACTOR'S SON CHARGED**  
BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Actor Louis Jourdan's son is scheduled for arraignment in Municipal Court Jan. 7 on a charge of marijuana possession.

## Duds Lost In Fire Replaced

Thanks to a clothing drive sponsored by the Benton Harbor fire department, two victims of a Christmas Eve fire have had their clothes replaced.

Two daughters of Mrs. Earline Jones, 684 East Vineyard street, Benton Harbor, lost all their clothing in the fire except what they were wearing, Lt. Roy Hearn said. The daughters were Diana, 14, and Jacqueline, 13.

The fire damage centered in the bedroom of the two girls. Hearn said the family was able to continue living in their apartment home. The apartment is in the McCord street housing project.

## Public Meeting Jan. 6 On BH Building Plan

### Expert To Answer Questions

The Citizens Advisory committee of the Benton Harbor school district will hold a public meeting Jan. 6 to present Dr. Nikolaus Engelhardt whose firm has been commissioned to draft a 10-year master building plan.

Dr. Engelhardt, president of Engelhardt and Engelhardt, Inc., will give his views on what the district can expect from his firm during development of the master plan. He also will answer questions from the audience.

It will be Engelhardt's first visit to the community since the plan was authorized by the school board. But staff members of the New York based firm have been in the district doing preliminary work. Cost of the project is underwritten by the Area Resources Improvement Council.

## How To Drink, Drive And Still Stay Alive

### Safety Council Offers Tips

"Toasting the holiday season is regularly a part of New Year's parties," said Robert Strumpler, Executive Director of the Twin Cities Area Safety Council. "But toastmasters should exercise caution if they plan to drive."

"There is no question that the best policy is for individuals not to drink if they are going to perform any activity requiring judgment and skill. But for the driver who insists on celebrating, the next best solution is to drink in such a manner that he will not be under the influence when he drives."

**'STAY UNIMPAIRED'**  
"This is done by allowing at least one hour for average drink consumed before attempting to drive and that count must start from the first drink, not after two or three quick drinks. Once

you become impaired, only time will eliminate alcohol from the body. Black coffee, cold showers and physical exercise may make a drinker more alert, but they do not make him sober. The best solution is to stay unimpaired," said Strumpler.

"Half of all traffic fatalities involve misuse of alcohol, and it is logical to assume the holiday season increases this percentage."

"Holiday drivers have to cope with such special hazards as poor weather, heavy traffic and early darkness. The driver who adds alcohol to this list is playing Russian roulette with his own life and the lives of everyone on the road with him."

"There is a definite correlation between the amount of liquor in the blood and traffic accidents. Abstinence from drinking before driving is an obvious solution, but drinking is so widespread and socially acceptable in our society that many drivers will not follow this course. Another course is for the drinking individual to arrange for an unimpaired person to do the driving, or to use other means of transportation."

**DRINK SLOWLY**

"Without these alternatives, the best solution is for the driver who drinks to drink in such a manner that he will not be under the influence when he drives. This means that most individuals should not risk drinking more than one bottle of beer or one highball an hour. One means of accomplishing this is for the person who intends to drive to decide in advance the maximum he will drink. It is important to make such a firm resolution in advance because one of the first effects of alcohol is the feeling of well-being that impairs judgment of the right amount. Hosts have a responsibility to encourage guests who drink to do so at the suggested leisurely rate."

## Whirlpool Sales Office Established

### Firm Takes Over Distributorship

Whirlpool Corporation has announced a distributor change in the area formerly handled by West Michigan Electric Company of Benton Harbor.

C. R. Armstrong, director of branches, said:

"Due to the decision on the part of R. A. Jeffers of West Michigan Electric Company to relinquish the Whirlpool franchise, Whirlpool Corporation will assume the territory formerly covered by this distributor."

A sales office and display room will be opened in Benton Harbor and St. Joseph area. The operation will be headed by Robert Paul who will assist the already established dealers in this area. Paul, along with his sales force, will be responsible for the sale of the full line of major home appliances, heating and cooling products, and merchandising



ROBERT PAUL

## State Land Funds Are Mailed Out

LANSING — Checks amounting to more than \$700,000 are in the mail to Michigan counties from the Department of Natural Resources as payments in lieu of taxes for state lands within those counties.

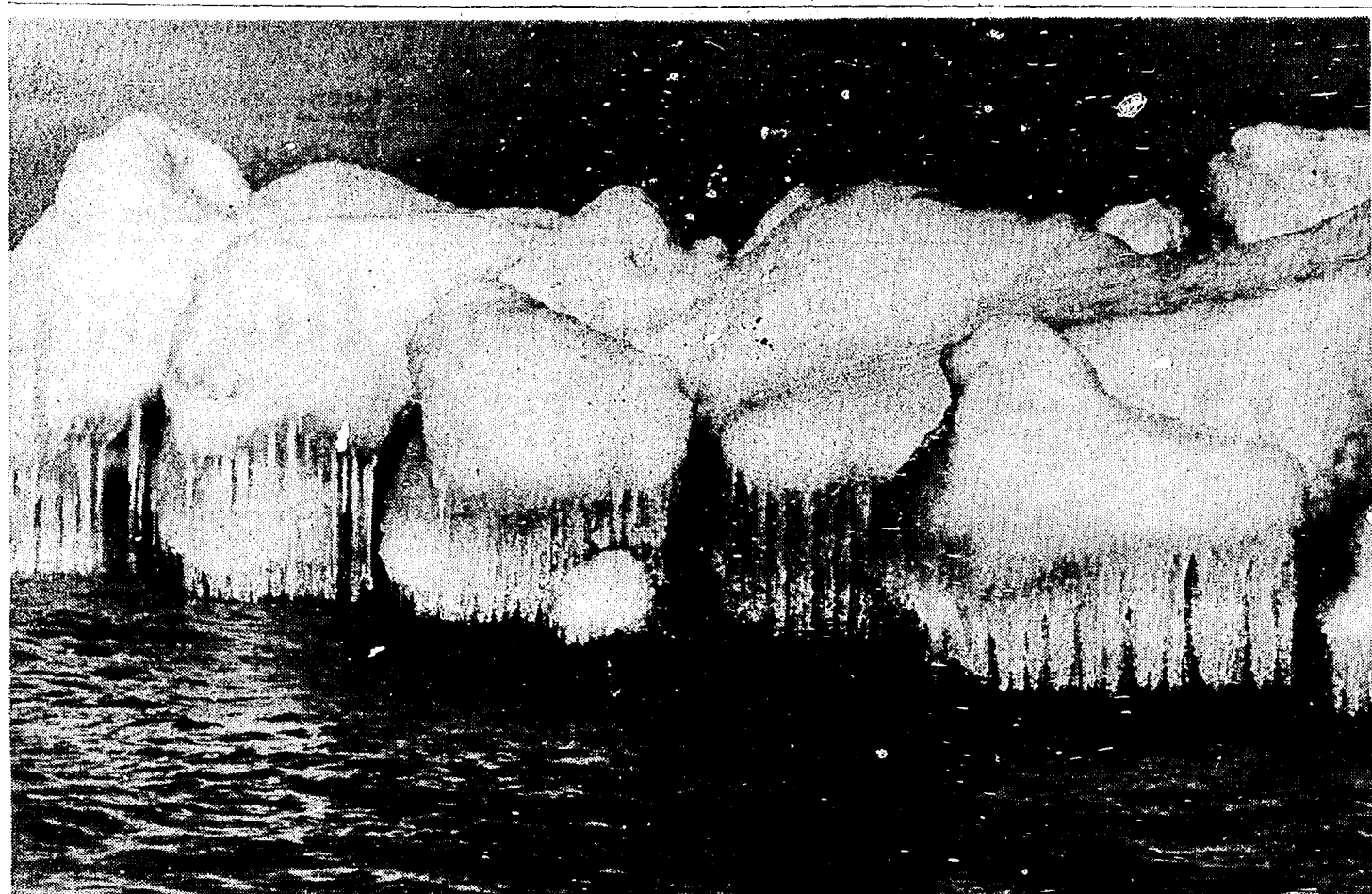
In Southwestern Michigan, Allegan county will receive \$7,385.71, Berrien county, \$2.64 and Cass county, \$1.21.

The payments are based on 20 cents per acre. Most of the lands represented came to the state through tax reversion or were purchased before 1933. Payments for lands purchased after 1933 in all counties will be made within the next few weeks and will be based on the assessed valuation of the properties.



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## 'MAVERICK' JUDGE IS RETIRING IN VAN BUREN



MANTLES OF WHITE: Winter's pretty side is seen on pilings where Galien river empties into Lake Michigan at New Buffalo. Wave action and freezing temperatures have produced mantles of white.

Wright  
Looks Back  
On Career'Temporary Job'  
Stretches To  
Nearly 22 Years

By STEVE McQUOWN  
Paw Paw Bureau

PAW PAW — To some, Van Buren County Probate Judge William P. Wright is a recalcitrant, inflexible man, best known for his squabbles with supervisors over money.

To others, he has over the years been a fair and quietly competent man; a "nice fella," as one veteran county employee put it.

Judge Wright describes himself as a "maverick," and as a man who has "had to fight" for everything he ever achieved.

**HELD MANY JOBS**  
After a less than auspicious beginning in life, and stints at various occupations including mechanics, truck driving and wheat threshing, Judge Wright retired today.

Now 73, he served for nearly 21 years as county probate judge and chief arbitrator in an office which handles a long list of responsibilities.

There has been no announcement by Gov. William Milliken on Judge Wright's successor.

When Judge Wright, at 51, became probate judge, he had "no intention of staying," he said in a recent interview.

But, he added, the work was "fascinating," and "every lawyer, at some time, wants to be a judge to top off his career."

Wright has been more than an attorney and a judge.

**ABANDONED BY PARENTS**  
As a small child, he was abandoned by his parents, he said, on the steps of a foundling asylum, shifted subsequently to a Catholic orphanage, and "bounced from one home to another," before running away.

He never knew his parents, and doesn't to this day, he said. Later, three elderly women who owned a farm took him in, and in return for work on the farm, they sent him to high school.

At the same time, he also rotated with another youth between classes and work in pattern and machine shops.

He enlisted in the service six days after war was declared in 1917, and was discharged in 1919 after serving on the Mexican border.

After military service, he worked at a variety of jobs, skipping across the country to where work was available.

He worked at a milling plant and tire plant in Ohio, then as a wheat thresher in Kansas, and in Wisconsin and in Detroit as a painter and interior decorator.

He attended Michigan State, studied farming and operated an apple orchard near Saugatuck for about a year before going into the trucking business.

That venture ran out of gas when his partner ran out with the money, Wright said, leaving him with \$80 and a Model-T which he took with him to law school at Valparaiso in Indiana.

He got his law degree in 1925, and for the next several months sold vacuum cleaners and insurance door-to-door before accepting employment with the Chicago Title and Trust Co. where he worked until 1933.

**PARENTS OF TWO**  
He also met his wife Edna at the Chicago firm. They have been married for 43 years and have two married children.

The Wrights left Chicago in 1933 after the banks closed. "I was broke," said Wright. "Absolutely broke."

From Chicago they went to Saugatuck, and in 1934, Wright opened an office here in Paw Paw. He later served as village trustee, village attorney and friend of the court among other posts.

Said Wright in reviewing his life: "I've had to fight my way up, it wasn't handed to me."

But at the same time, he said, he also had "some luck and some help." He said he doesn't believe in the theory that any man can lift himself up by his own bootstraps.

"For myself," said Wright, "I never had brains enough to know when I was licked."



LAST DAYS IN OFFICE: Judge William P. Wright, 73, for about 21 years Van Buren Probate Judge, gives attention to those last cases before his retirement became effective Oct. 31. His wife Edna, probate register, is also retiring. County supervisors last week adopted a resolution praising Judge Wright for his years of service. (Staff photo)

Sled Rider, 3,  
Dies In Allegan

PULLMAN—A three-year-old child riding a sled became Allegan county's 26th traffic fatality of the year Tuesday.

With less than one day remaining of this year, Allegan county's traffic death toll now equals last year's total of 26.

Allegan county sheriff's deputies said the victim was a 3-year-old Tommy Russell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Russell, of route 1, Grand Junction.

Deputies said the accident occurred about 2:30 p.m. on 46th street, just south of 102nd avenue, about five miles west of Pullman, when the sled was hit by a car. The driver of the car, Shirley

Esther Snyder  
Seeks Lawrence  
Seat Again

LAWRENCE — Esther Snyder, Democratic incumbent on the Lawrence village council, filed for a new two-year term.

Her name was inadvertently omitted from a list of candidates to the March 9 election published in this newspaper on Tuesday. All incumbent village officers filed for new terms by the deadline Monday. There will be no primary election.

Louise Pratt, 17, route 1, Pullman, told deputies she was driving on 46th street about 25 miles per hour when the child slid from the edge of the road in front of her car.

The child was taken to the Allegan Health Center and transferred to Borgess hospital in Kalamazoo, where he died at 3:50 p.m.

Deputies said no charges were placed against the driver.

Funeral arrangements were incomplete this morning at the Stafford funeral home in Bangor.

New Buffalo  
Assessor Will  
Sign Forms

NEW BUFFALO — New Buffalo City Assessor Bertram Shedd will be at city hall Friday from 9 a.m. to noon to sign senior citizens tax exemption forms.

New applicants must bring with them proof of property ownership and of age.

**CALHOUN DEPUTIES SETTLE**  
KALAMAZOO (AP)—The Calhoun County Deputy Sheriff's Association signed a contract with the Calhoun Board of Supervisors Tuesday, ending the threat of a possible walkout at midnight today.



NOT MOON ROCKS: Although resembling rocky surface of moon, cluster of ball-like objects here is formed by Lake Michigan waves near New Buffalo, washing over ice and freezing before water can return to lake. (Don Wehner photos)

Area Power Requirements  
Doubled In Last Ten YearsDeadline For Pension  
Questionnaire Jan. 15

DOWAGIAC—Veterans who are receiving non service-connected pensions must complete and return income questionnaire cards to the Veterans Administration by Jan. 15, 1970, according to Gerald Angle, Cass County Veterans Counselor.

Angle said the cards are intended to determine the veterans' eligibility to receive pensions during 1970. He said this also includes those who are receiving death indemnity for a son killed in service.

Angle will be at the VFW hall on East Division street in Dowagiac each Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 4 p.m. to assist in filling out the cards. There is no charge for this service. He added there are only two Saturdays, Jan. 3 and Jan. 10, remaining before the deadline.

Electricity requirements for customers of Indiana & Michigan Electric Co., Benton Harbor division, have doubled in the last decade, according to John P. Banyon, division manager.

"There is every indication that it will double again in the next 10 years," Banyon added.

He predicted that the 1970's would show the highest level in history in expenditures for improvement and expansion of electric facilities locally.

"The average residential customer in the southwestern Michigan (Benton Harbor, St. Joseph, Buchanan and neighboring communities) area served by I & M is fast approaching a

milestone usage rate of 9,000 kilowatt-hours annually, one of the highest in the Midwest," he stated.

He noted that 1969 was the best sales year in the division's history and that its largest substation was opened in October west of Coloma. New substations were also placed in service at Lakeside and Three Oaks, and improvements were made at New Buffalo, Bridgman and Niles.

Scheduled to get underway this year is the new Edgewater Station which will serve increased power loads at Whirlpool. Auto. Specialties and the industrial complex in Benton Harbor.



PLENTY OF POWER: Power-plus is located above at the new 400,000-kilowatt Benton Harbor substation west of Coloma, opened for service this year by Indiana &amp; Michigan Electric Co. A double-circuit 345,000-volt line is routed through the substation, linking it with I&amp;M's Olive Station generating plant near South Bend and with Consumers Power Co. nuclear plant near South Haven. The new super-voltage ties with Consumer Power is part of interconnection network between I&amp;M, Consumers Power, Detroit Edison Co., and which ultimately will link major power systems in Michigan with those in Ohio and Indiana.

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